

**Minutes of a Meeting of Disserth & Trecoed Community Council on 8th April 2014
commencing at 7.30pm in the Iron Room, Cwmbach**

Present: Cllr V Norris, J Griffiths, C Hartley, C Myhill, G Morris,
S Richardson, P Deakin, G Price, J Jones, D Morgan

Apologies: Cllr J Hamer

Absent: None

DT 27/14 Minutes

The Minutes of the last meeting held on 11th March 2014 were approved subject to an amendment.

DT 28/14 Information from Minutes

The Clerk confirmed that all actions had been undertaken from the last minutes.

DT 29/14 Planning Applications:

a) **P/2013 0328** – Certificate of Lawfulness for an existing use, namely occupation of dwelling without complying with condition 2 attached to planning permission R3407/A dated 16th March 1988 at Oakwood, Builth Road for Colin Claridge. Cllr G Morris declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place. **No objection.**

b) **P/2014/0329** – for full: Erection of a dwelling and associated works at Plot rear of Greengates, Millview Close for Miss Sian & Tracey Holder of Greengates. Cllr J Jones declared an interest in this application and left the room whilst discussions took place.

Members objected to this application as it is out of scale to the existing dwellings, and issues with the access.

Resolved: Clerk to contact Planning Officer to establish why the Council response is required within 14 days and also to point out that no site notices had been placed to date.

DT 30/14 Correspondence:

a) Powys County Council – Tree, Howey School Field

Confirmation from PCC that there is no tree preservation order in place.

Members discussed the Time Capsule. Cllr Deakin had been in contact with a resident who had been involved with the planting of this capsule and is aware of the location.

Resolved: to contact PCC to establish the contact details for the new land owners. Clerk to contact new owners and ask them to contact Cllr Deakin who can liaise regarding this matter.

b) Powys County Council – Chapel Road Issues

Email from Tracey Harley regarding the Laundry Lorry issue:

“I can’t do an awful lot about a laundry lorry on try and get around to repairing the ditches - regarding the refuse have not got a clue what went on last Friday have had a word with the Penybont depot who’s men collect from there and they were unaware there was a problem but will be looking into it.”

Cllr George Price had met with Tracey Harley and very little can be done about lorries using the road. The ditches are in need of repair however this is unlikely to take place in the near future.

c) Powys County Council – East Recycling & Rubbish Collections

Notification of the change of dates during the Easter period. Members took copies of these notices for noticeboards within the community.

d) Cty Cllr D Mayor – Domicillary Care

Email from Cty Cllr Mayor as follows:

“Councillor Rev. Darren Mayor has asked me to forward the following response to your e-mails of 13 and 28 March 2014 and apologises for the delay in replying.

Location and nature of appointed organisations:

South framework

Alphacare, – based in Neath, current provider to Powys, Neath and Swansea – Opening office in Llandrindod next week. Welsh based local supplier

Carewatch – National organisation, current provider to Cardiff & Swansea – bid in partnership with Nightingales who are a current Powys provider

based in Brecon. Opening office in Powys in April. National company bid in partnership with local supplier

North framework

Abacare – based in Gwynedd, current provider to Powys & Gwynedd – Office opening in Newtown next week. Welsh based local supplier

Reach – National charity based in Newport – Opening office in Newtown next week. Welsh based 3rd sector supplier

All already registered with the Welsh inspectorate CSSIW

Tender conditions

Open tender available to all CSSIW regulated businesses including all local suppliers

All appointed providers made a commitment to sub contact an element of their work to local suppliers

All care workers will be eligible for TUPE transfer retaining employment conditions, pay and benefits via the appointed providers

Unfortunately the main provider in Talgarth took a decision not to tender, this is not something the Council can influence

All providers are obligated to provide Welsh speaking carers if the service user requests this and all providers already deliver services in areas where Welsh is widely spoken

The tender was widely advertised on 08th January 2014 and the Council personally met with the main provider in Talgarth and other Powys areas prior to the tender being advertised to assist them with their bid strategy

The tender was awarded in compliance with the EU Procurement regulations and in compliance with the Councils Standing Orders on 14th March 2014”

Members noted this response and felt that the service needs to be monitored, particularly when the TUPE regulations expire in 12 months.

DT 31/14

Finance

- a) Clerk’s Annual Increment – Point 23 to 24 - approved
- b) Zurich Insurance - £243.80 – approved.

DT 32/14

Annual Accounts 2013/14

The Clerk presented the annual accounts for 2013/14 to members. These were approved by members and signed by the Chairman.

Section 1 and 2 of the Audit papers were presented to members. These were agreed and signed by the Chairman and Clerk.

DT 33/14

County Councillors Report

a) Staffing Cuts

Reported that 130 had left County Hall over the last few weeks. There are many more staff to leave over the forthcoming weeks.

b) Rubbish & Recycling

PCC have now bought new Refuse Lorries which are being trialled and will be in operation shortly.

c) Bus Shelter, Howey

Repairs have now been completed to this shelter.

d) Domiciliary Care

Cllr Williams has concerns with the standard of care and how this will be affected when the TUPE regulations are no longer in place.

e) One Voice Wales Meeting

Llandrindod Wells Town Council will be hosting the Brecon & Radnor Area One Voice Wales Committee meeting on Friday 11th April 2014 at Howey Village Hall.

f) Parking at Cwmbach

Cty Cllr Williams reported that progress is now underway developing the entrance at Mr & Mrs Mills' property.

Cllr Morgan pointed out that Mr & Mrs Mills are still waiting for contact from Powys Highways Department. Cty Cllr Williams will chase this matter up.

Cllr Morgan also reported that a section of the pavement outside the properties in concern is breaking up. Cty Cllr Williams will also look into this matter.

DT 34/14

Community Action Plan

The Chairman had prepared a first draft. He has also been in contact with other Councils to look at their plans. The Clerk offered to contact other Clerks via SLCC Forum to obtain Actions Plans from other similar size Councils.

Resolved: Clerk and Chairman to continue with this exercise and report back to members.

DT 35/14

Public Questions

a) Mr Keith Holder pointed out that the letter he had received concerning a planning application dated 2nd April, was posted on 4th April and received on 8th April. The letter gives 21 days for comment. He felt this was not adequate.

The Clerk explained that the statutory consultation period is 21 days which does not include Bank Holiday. Cty Cllr Williams confirmed that it is the responsibility of the Planning Officer to place site notices.

DT 36/14

Information

a) Bench – Howey Village

Cllr Jones pointed out that some time ago the bench which is situated on the bank on the A483 before the entrance to Howey Village had been removed for repair. Cty Cllr Williams will contact PCC regarding this.

b) Cwmbach Churchyard

Resolved: Clerk to contact Bryan Price to see if any progress has been made with this issue.

c) Dog Waste Bins

Cllr Hartley asked if it would be possible to have a dog waste bin within Cwmbach. Cty Cllr Williams had previously requested a bin, but this had been refused. Cty Cllr Williams will make a request for a bin.

Resolved: Clerk to establish prices for bins for the next meeting.

d) Fly Tipping – New Road

Cllr Hartley reported that fly tipping is taking place along New Road by Brynderwen.

Resolved: Clerk to contact PCC regarding this.

Chairman **Date**